IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No: 10/Not Yet Assigned (Continuation of International Application No. PCT/IB02/01365 filed April 24, 2002, claiming priority of French Appln. No. 01/05544, filed April 25, 2001)

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For: **PROTECTIVE SHEATH COMPRISING A LONGITUDINAL FLEXIBLE MATERIAL STRIP AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAID SHEATH**

CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

A formal claim for the benefit of priority of the filing date of April 25, 2001 of prior French Patent Application No. 01/05544, referred to in the Declaration and Power of Attorney document as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.63, is hereby requested for the above-identified application, which is being filed as a continuation of International Patent Application No. PCT/IB02/01365 filed April 24, 2002.

Acknowledgment of this Claim of Priority by the Examiner and/or the Office in the next official communication mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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